

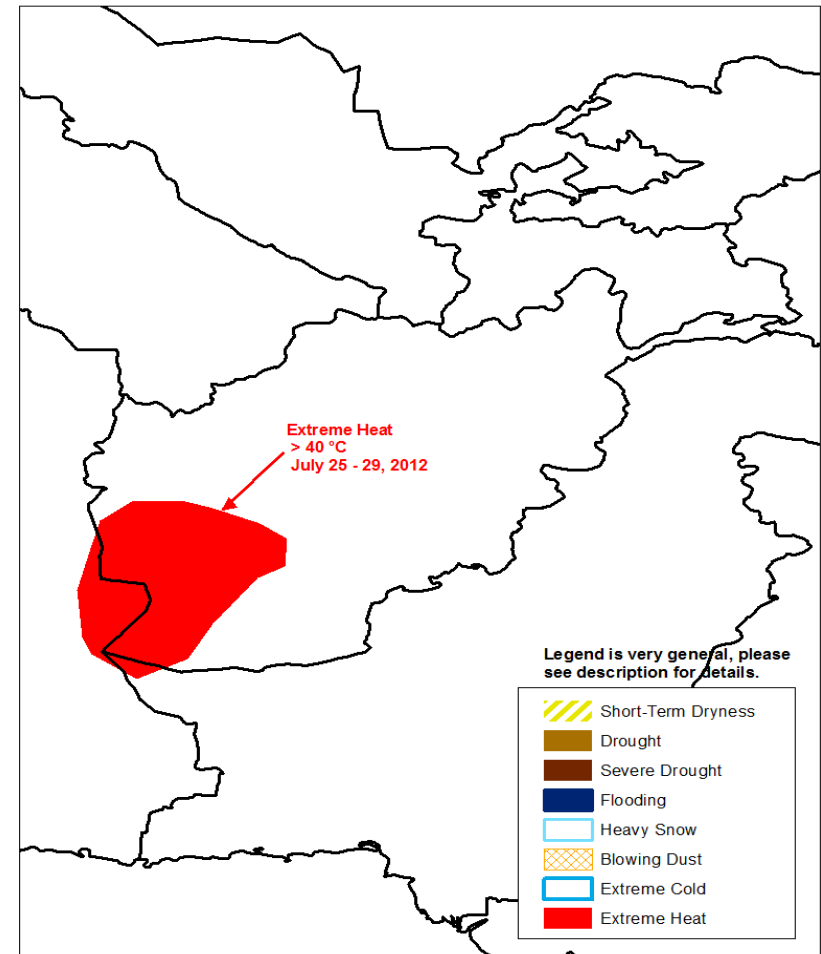
Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET July 25 – July 31, 2012

Temperatures:

Since the beginning of July, daily maximum temperatures have continued to exceed 30 degrees C throughout the lower elevations of the country, with the greatest temperature anomalies (4 - 8 degrees C) observed in the northern and southern lowlands. Moderately below average temperatures continued in the highest elevations of northeastern Afghanistan. For the last week in July, above average temperatures are expected in the southwest and along the Afghanistan/Pakistan border (4 – 6 degrees C).

Precipitation

During the last seven days, the distribution of precipitation has remained seasonable, with the highest weekly accumulations (5-15mm) received in the northeast mountains and along the border with Pakistan. Locally heavier precipitation (25-50mm) was observed just east of the Kabul region. For the upcoming outlook period, little to no rainfall is expected across much of Afghanistan for the next seven days, as the potential for the highest rainfall (5-20mm) is forecast along the eastern border. Locally heavy rains and increased moisture have been associated with the northwestward advancement of the Indian monsoon during late July.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.

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